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COLUMBIA MAN SENTENCED FOR COCAINE, MARIJUANA CONSPIRACY

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Columbia, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for participating in a conspiracy to distribute cocaine and marijuana in Columbia.

Jason Andrew Dunn, 26, of Columbia, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning to 10 years in federal prison without parole.

On Sept. 19, 2003, **Dunn** pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute five kilograms of cocaine and marijuana in Columbia from March 2001 to Feb. 1, 2003. **Dunn** was arrested on Feb. 1, 2003, after he sold cocaine to a confidential informant for \$2,000 in a controlled drug transaction. During a search of his apartment, Graves said, law enforcement officers found 54 one-ounce bags of cocaine, nine bags of marijuana, a loaded Manhurin .380 caliber semi-automatic handgun, a Davis .380 caliber semi-automatic handgun, and \$13,375. Eight more bags of cocaine were recovered from **Dunn's** 2002 Yukon.

By pleading guilty, Graves said, **Dunn** admitted that he had been selling cocaine for about two years. **Dunn** purchased between ½ kilogram and one kilogram of cocaine every month for \$25,000, he admitted, and sold it for \$1,000 per ounce. **Dunn** estimated that he made approximately \$2,000 per week selling narcotics.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Lynn. It was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Columbia, Mo., Police Department, MUSTANG (the Mid-Missouri Unified Strike Team And Narcotics Group), the West Central Illinois Drug Task Force, and the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

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